

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AMGT, KE

SUBJECT:REPORTING

REF: NAIROBI 8541

1. THE SAMPLE OF NAIROBI'S SUBSTANTIVE REPORTING USED AS THE INITIAL STEP FOR THE REVIEW WAS DRAWN FROM ALL TELEGRAMS SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT FROM NAIROBI IN THE PERIOD APRIL 76-MARCH 77. THIS IS THE "PERIOD REVIEWED".
2. THE OTHER STEPS IN THE REVIEW PROCESS FOLLOWED THE SAMPLE. THEY CONSISTED OF INTERVIEWS WITH THE COUNTRY DIRECTORATE, DISCUSSIONS WITH THE INSPECTORS BEFORE AND AFTER THEIR RECENT INSPECTION OF THE POST, AND A REVIEW OF THE OUTGOING MESSAGES FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO NAIROBI. THESE SUCCESSIVE STEPS ARE THE "REVIEW PERIOD, WHICH ENDED IN APRIL 78.
3. THE TOTAL REVIEW PROCESS THUS INEVITABLY CUT ACROSS THE INCUMBENCIES OF THE PRECEDING AND THE CURRENT LEADER-  
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SHIP AT THE POST, THOUGH THIS WAS NOT PLANNED OR INTENDED.

4. THE DELAY BETWEEN THE PERIOD REVIEWED (1976-77) AND THE REVIEW PERIOD (1977-78) WAS CAUSED BY SCHEDULING PROBLEMS, INCLUDING AN ADJUSTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, WHICH STRETCHED OUT THE SEQUENCE OF STEPS WE FIND NECESSARY TO PRODUCE AN OBJECTIVE AND RELIABLE REPORT.

5. WE PREPARED THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE SOLE OBJECTIVES OF HELPING THE CURRENT LEADERS IN THE BUREAU AND AT THE POST TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND USEFULNESS OF REPORTING AND TO BETTER UTILIZE RESOURCES FOR REPORTING.

6. YOUR COMMENTS ARE WELCOME. VANCE

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